

endeared him to many and which enabled him entry into people's hearts to lead them towards the tender loving kindness and the hope of the Lord.

Our sympathies go to his relatives and to his friends, especially his priest friends, and to the countless men and women who quietly benefitted from his gifts of gentle ministry.

He lived for the Lord and the Lord took him quickly in death. Those who live for the Lord are the one's whom our Gospel reading reminded us are those to whom Jesus made the Father's name known: "so that the love with which you loved me may be in them."

Eternal life is not a rupture with the life that we live in this world. The real bond between our lives and the eternal reward which has been prepared for us is the bond of love. It is the quality of the love we show and the goodness we quietly and unselfishly carry out which are the guarantee of eternal life.

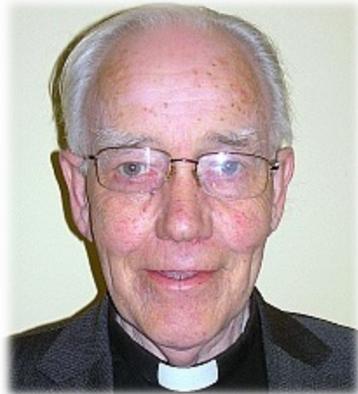
It is that same love and goodness which will be then transformed, through the mystery of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection, into fullness of life. That fullness is not our work but a reflection of how we allow that love and

goodness of our God to work through us.

We commend this good and humble Priest to the Lord knowing that the Lord will free him from all those things which burdened him in this life and that this good man created by God in his own image and consecrated to him through priestly ordination will now flourish joyful in the fullness of life: our friend, our Priest, this quiet and loving and humble gentleman: Fr. Bernard Collier.

We thank God for his life

and ministry.



**Fr. Bernard Collier
R.I.P.**

PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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Reception of the Remains of Father Bernard Collier R.I.P.

Extract from the Homily notes of
Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin

*"If we live, we live for the Lord.
If we die, we die for the Lord,
So that alive or dead we belong to the
Lord."*

In life and in death the Christian believer belongs to the Lord. For a Priest, life and death belong to the Lord in a special way. Living for the Lord is at the essence of priestly ministry.

God uses us as we are: God works through our human inadequacy to allow the love and goodness which God himself has placed in the deepest recesses of our hearts to speak to the hearts of others. Such was the quiet priestly ministry of Fr. Bernard Collier, a man whose quiet and self-effacing ministry touched many more hearts than any of us knows.

Bernard did not enjoy the best of health. He was at times anxious. But there was within him real humility

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and a gentleness through which the Lord worked and which people recognised and appreciated.

When I told a visiting Priest the other day that Bernard had died, I got the reply: "Was he the Priest who was in Iona Road for many years and the people there loved him" - not a bad reference with which to bring with oneself at the gates of heaven. Bernard lived for the Lord and not for himself and in all the challenge of life it was the mystery of the humility of Jesus which transpired through all his life and ministry.

Another Priest said to me: "I did not know him well but in any contact I had with him he was always a real gentleman." Humility is the crucial element in anyone who wishes to witness to the Lord through his or her life. The opposite of humility is arrogance and self-assertiveness. There was no trace of arrogance in Bernard and it was that characteristic of his life which

Parish Appointment

The Archbishop has appointed Fr. Josip Levakovic as curate to our Parish. Fr. Josip will also work as Chaplain to the Croatian Community in Ireland. We welcome him to our Parish, pray God's blessings on him and hope he will be happy among us.
Fr. John

Holy Child National School

To all parents/guardians of children starting primary school in September 2017. Holy Child National School is accepting applications for enrolment in their Junior Infant classes for the coming academic year, starting September 2017. The application form is available to download from their website www.holychildns.ie or you can call to the school office any school day between 9am and 3pm. Applications should be returned to the school office with a completed form, proof of address (utility bill), birth certificate of the child and baptismal certificate (if appropriate). The closing date for receipt of applications is February 28th 2017. A waiting list will be in place after this date.

Week of Prayer for Church Unity Thursday 19th January

There will be a service of prayer for Christian Unity in Blessed Margaret Ball on Thursday 19th January at 11.00a.m. The Community from St. Pappan's Church of Ireland will join us. All are welcome.

Catholic Schools Week 2017 29th January – 3rd February

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is **-Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home.** It is hoped that this theme will help schools to gain an understanding of the Pope's encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*. The encyclical letter, published on 24th May 2015, discusses the harm humankind has caused on earth and calls on 'every person living on this planet' to make necessary changes in our lives to protect our planet.

Recently Deceased: You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

**Marie Mullen, John Geoghegan
Marian Buckley, Christina Kealy**

*May they enjoy perfect peace
and reconciliation
in the presence of God.*



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th to 25th January

Inviting all Christians to pray, especially during these days, that Christ's wish will be fulfilled; "that all may be one as you, Father, are in me and I in you; I pray that they be one in us, that the world may believe that it was you who sent me" Jn 17:21
Let us pray, Lord, pour out on us the fullness of your mercy and by the power of your Holy Spirit remove divisions among Christians. Let your Church rise more clearly as a Sign for all nations that the world may be filled with the light of your Spirit and believe in Jesus Christ whom you sent, who lives and reigns for ever & ever amen.

Open Day – Whitehall College of Further Education, Coláiste Caoimhin, Moibhi Road Glasnevin Wednesday 26th January 2.00–6.00pm.
Tel: (01) 837 6011. Email: info@whitehallcollegecefe.cdetb.ie

Stair Lift– unused stair lift available free of charge. For more information please contact Margaret at 01 8426839



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:
1st Jackpot: 5 20 22 23 2nd Jackpot: 1 5 18 25
There was no Jackpot winner.

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were:
A. Madden; M. O'Rourke; M. Hennessy; D. Smith;
L. Ruddell; P. Willis; P. Moore.

The winners of the five special prizes of €100 were: C. Gallagher; J. Corcoran; T. Halpin; J. Fitzgibbon; J. Linn.

**Next Week. First Jackpot €3,500 Second Jackpot €2,000
Plus 7 consolation prizes of €25**



Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Monday 16th January	9.15a.m.	Helen & Patrick Donnelly (Anniversaries)
	7.00p.m.	Philip O'Reilly (Anniversary) Peter & Delia Brennan R.I.P.
Tuesday 17th January	9.15a.m.	Deceased members of Donnelly Family RIP
	7.00p.m.	Jim Davey (Anniversary)
Wednesday 18th January	9.15a.m.	Deceased Members of the Gibson Family RIP
	7.00p.m.	Patrick & Kathleen Maples, (Anniversaries) Mary Elizabeth Crowley, (Anniversary) Derek O'Connor (Anniversary)
Thursday 19th January	9.15a.m.	Rose Fannin (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Rita McGrath (Baptism Remem.) Deceased Members of Flannery Family RIP
Friday 20th January	9.15a.m.	Michael Rogers (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Elizabeth Gibbs (Month's Mind) John Killeen (Month's Mind)
Saturday 21st January Vigil	10.00a.m.	Available for intention
	7.00p.m.	Ethel Smith, Patrick McGrath (1st Annivs.) James Crampton, Philomena Farrell (Annivs.)
Sunday 22nd January	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Dominic (1st Anniv.) and Gretta Coll (Anniv.) Vera Beirnes (1st Anniversary) Michael Cushlahan (1st Anniversary) Deceased Members of the Murray and Fox Families R.I.P.
	6.00p.m.	Susan O'Connor (Anniversary)

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Wed. 18th January	10.00a.m.	Michael J. Maguire (Anniversary)
Sunday 22nd January	10.00a.m.	Patrick & Michelle O'Toole (Anniversaries), Christine Hanlon (RIP Remembrance) Michael J. Maguire (Anniversary)